

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on March 28, 2005. Claims 1-61 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-14, 16-29, 31-44, 46-51 and 53-61 are rejected in this Office Action. Claims 15, 30, 45 and 52 are objected to in this Office Action. Applicants amend Claims 1, 16, 31, and 46. Applicants cancel Claims 15, 30, 45, 52, and 59-61 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants appreciate the indication at Paragraph 4 of the Office Action that Claims 15, 30, 45 and 52 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, which Applicant has done as Claims 1, 16, 31, and 46, respectfully. Thus, these claims and all claims depending therefrom are allowable. Favorable action is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-14, 16-29, 31-44, 46-51 and 53-61 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,396,908 to O'Donovan et al. ("*Donovan*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,857,013 to Yue et al. ("*Yue*") in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,757,256 to Anandakumar et al ("*Anandakumar*"). The rewriting of allowable Claims 15, 30, 45, and 52 as Claims 1, 16, 31, and 46, and the cancellation of Claims 59-61 renders moot these rejections. Favorable action is requested.

CONCLUSION

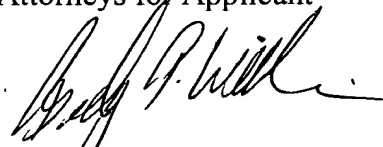
Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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